

Drainage Board met in their regular meeting place in the Rush County Courthouse on December 7, 2009 at 10:15 a.m. with the following present: Marvin L. Cole, T.H. Barnes, Ken Masters, members; Leigh Morning, Drainage Board attorney; Marvin L. Rees, Surveyor; Michele Gordon, secretary.

Minutes of the previous meeting were signed and approved by motion of Masters, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barnes.

CHARLES MEYER OPEN

A motion was made by Barnes, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Masters, to sign the contract with Rathburn Excavating. Motion carried.

GEORGE YOUNG TILE

The subject of reconstructing this tile was brought up in 2007 and put on hold. A landowner is once again asking that the Board consider reconstructing the tile. The Surveyor will work on a report and proposed assessments and present this at the January meeting.

GEORGE MULL OPEN – HEARING

There were no landowners present. The Surveyor is recommending setting a maintenance assessment at \$8.50 per acre in order to clean out the drain. A motion was made by Barnes, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Masters, to set the maintenance assessment at \$8.50 per acre for a period of one year. Motion carried.

RALPH BRODIE OPEN

The Surveyor is not sure this is a regulated drain. There is a beaver dam on the open channel that could possibly cause damage to the William T Moore tile if it is not removed. The Surveyor will do further research to see if he can find any records on this open channel.

REMINDERS

The Board was reminded that the Joint Rush/Hancock Drainage Board will meet on Monday, December 14, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. They were also reminded that there would not be a regular Drainage Board meeting on December 21, 2009.

PETITION

The Rush County Commissioners signed a petition for the construction of a new drain which will be located north of Conrad Harcourt Way. Leigh Morning presented the signed petition to the Surveyor and he accepted the petition as presented. The Surveyor will present his preliminary report at the January meeting.

WM CULLEN & CHARLOTTE GREGG DRAIN – HEARING

Julie Newhouse was present. The Surveyor is recommending setting the maintenance assessment at \$2.00 an acre in order to get the current account out of debt and then have money coming in to use on future repairs. A motion was made by Barnes, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Masters, to set the maintenance assessment at \$2.00 an acre for a period of three years. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion to adjourn was made by Barnes, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Masters. Motion carried.

Marvin L. Cole

T.H. Barnes

Ken Masters